



1230 HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED SERVICE SETTINGS

Description. Home and community based (HCB) alternative residential settings included in this policy are covered within the parameters described in this section for ALTCS members.

Each HCB alternative residential setting must be licensed or certified (as indicated in the following description of each setting) and registered as an AHCCCS provider. The costs for room and board in a HCB alternative residential setting is not covered by ALTCS and must be paid by the member or the member's family, guardian or representative.

Refer to Exhibit 1230-1 to view the table of settings and service codes.

Refer to [Chapter 1600](#) for case management authorization requirements.

● ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES

Description. Assisted living facilities (ALFs - assisted living center [ALC], assisted living home [ALH] and adult foster care [AFC] home) are residential care facilities licensed by the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS). An AFC home is a classification of an ALF and may be licensed by ADHS or certified by the County in which it is located. All ALFs are licensed to provide supervisory care (not generally covered by AHCCCS), personal care, or directed care services, as defined in the Arizona Administrative Code (A.A.C.), Title 9, Chapter 10, Article 7. ALFs are designed for ALTCS members who are physically or functionally unable to live in their own home with assistance, but do not need the care intensity of a nursing facility. They are classified according to the number of residents allowed to reside in the facility. Classifications are as follows:

Assisted Living Center (ALC)

The facility provides resident rooms or residential units and services to 11 or more residents. Members residing in an ALC must be provided the choice of single occupancy.



Assisted Living Home (ALH)

The facility provides resident rooms and services to ten or fewer residents.

Adult Foster Care Home

The facility provides adult foster care (AFC) services for at least one and no more than 4 adult residents, at least one of which must be an ALTCS member. In addition to services that are provided by other ALFs, AFC home services may be expanded depending upon the type of staffing available in the home. If the staff of the AFC home sponsor is authorized by law to provide nursing or medical services, and appropriate staff is on-site as needed by residents, members may receive services in these facilities regardless of the level of physical, emotional or behavioral health care required (other than hospitalization). This includes maximum assistance with mobility and activities of daily living, as well as medications and treatments.

Amount, Duration and Scope. Services provided by ALFs are based on a per diem rate for a 24-hour day. They include personal care and homemaker services. Room and board is not included as an ALTCS covered service. The room and board amount is determined by the ALTCS Contractor.

Services provided in addition to services included in the ALF per diem rate must be authorized by the member's Contractor after being determined medically necessary and cost effective. Those services not incorporated in the ALF per diem are billed separately by the service provider. They include medical acute care services, medical supplies and durable medical equipment, therapies, transportation, and behavioral health services, as well as home health services that comprise skilled nursing, continuous nursing or home health aide services, as applicable. Adult day health services may be provided only with specific detailed justification by the case manager and approval by the ALTCS Contractor or the AHCCCS Administration for FFS members.

Refer to Policy 1240 of this Chapter for a description of these services, and any limitations to ALTCS coverage.

Refer to A.A.C. Title 9, Chapter 10, Article 7, ALF Rules, for criteria for admission and services provided by ALFs.



Note: ALFs also include a demonstration pilot known as the Alzheimer's Treatment Assistive Living Facilities Pilot. It is an ALTCS approved alternative setting as provided for by Laws 1999, Ch. 313 §§ 35 (Assistive Living Facilities Demonstration Pilot Project). Alzheimer's Treatment Assistive Living Facilities were approved as a demonstration pilot effective October 1, 1999 and the pilot has been extended through December 31, 2007.

● **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FACILITIES**

Description. The following behavioral health facilities are considered home and community based (HCB) alternative residential facilities that are approved ALTCS HCB settings for behavioral health services, as defined in [Chapter 100](#). They are licensed to provide behavioral health services in a structured setting with 24-hour supervision. ALTCS covers services, except room and board, which are provided to ALTCS members who have a behavioral health disorder and are residing in one of the following behavioral health facilities:

1. Level II behavioral health facility – Licensed by Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS). A HCB alternative residential behavioral health treatment setting for individuals who do not require the intensity of services or onsite medical services found in a Level I facility
2. Level III behavioral health facility - Licensed by ADHS. An HCB alternative residential behavioral health setting with 24 hour supervision and supportive, protective oversight
3. Behavioral Health Therapeutic Home - Licensed by ADHS for adults, or by Arizona Department of Economic Security/Administration for Children, Youth and Families for children. These facilities provide behavioral health services and ancillary services.
4. Rural Substance Abuse Transitional Agency (RSATA). Licensed by ADHS. An agency located in a county with a population of fewer than 500,000 individuals that provides inpatient and outpatient services to an individual who is intoxicated or has a substance abuse problem.



Amount, Duration and Scope. ALTCS members are eligible to receive AHCCCS covered medically necessary behavioral health services. Services in a Level II or III behavioral health facility are provided as a bundled treatment day. Room and board is not a covered service for Level II or Level III HCB alternative behavioral health facilities, behavioral health therapeutic homes or RSATAs. (Refer to the section on behavioral health services included in [Chapter 300](#), Policy 310, for a listing of services included in the comprehensive service package.)

● **COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES**

Description. Community residential facilities include:

1. Community residential settings
 - a. Adult developmental homes. A home and community based (HCB) alternative residential setting for no more than three members who are age 18 or older
 - b. Child development foster homes. A HCB alternative residential setting for no more than three members who are under age 18.
2. Group homes. A residential facility for no more than 6 members.

Community residential settings are licensed by the Arizona Department of Economic Security to provide room, board, personal care, supervision and coordination of habilitation and treatment. Group homes are licensed by Arizona Department of Health Services for health and safety and monitored by the Contractor for programmatic compliance. These facilities provide a safe, homelike family atmosphere that meets the physical and emotional needs of ALTCS members who cannot physically or functionally live independently in the community. ALTCS covers services, except room and board, which are provided to ALTCS members residing in these facilities.

Amount, Duration and Scope. Services include habilitation and personal care and must be provided according to the member's individual service plan. Refer to Policy 1240 in this Chapter for a description of habilitation and personal care.



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Other HCBS that may be provided to members residing in a community residential facility include services provided by a home health agency, medical acute care services, supplies and durable medical equipment, transportation and behavioral health services. Refer to Policy 1240 in this Chapter for descriptions of these services and any limitations to ALTCS coverage.